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Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives Guide to the Arthur Colombo collection 1935 – 1970 SC/6

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Building 77, 141 Flushing Avenue, Suite 801, Brooklyn, NY 11205

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Title

Arthur Colombo collection

Creator

Colombo, Arthur

1935 – 1970

Quantity

3 boxes

Language Of Materials

English.

Call Number

SC/6

Administrative/Biographical History

Authur J. Colombo was born in 1909 in New Jersey. He worked at the Brooklyn Navy Yard as an electronics engineer, gradually moving up to a supervisory role in the Design Division of the Bureau of Yards and Docks' Planning Division. He worked on the communications and electronics systems of several ships during his career, including the USS Lake Champlain. In 1956, he was sent to France to review the systems of the Lake Champlain, a ship in which his son was serving at the time. Colombo participated in several Builders Trials - a series of tests to demonstrate the satisfactory operation of equipment prior to allowing the ship out to sea. Colombo survived the Yard's decommissioning in 1966, transitioning from the Bureau of Ships to the Naval Electronic Systems Command Activity, which operated out of the southeastern section of the Yard along Flushing Avenue. He continued to work in electronics engineering until he retired from the Yard in 1970. He died in 2006.

Scope And Content

This collection contains documents, photographs, and artifacts that represent Arthur Colombo's career at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Certificates and forms document his rise from engineer to division supervisor. Having worked on electric systems during ship construction, Colombo attended several builders trials, as well as ship launchings and commissionings, and several invitations, tickets, and programs are extant. Photographs of Colombo's colleagues, and artifacts such as his name plate, a ceremonial helmet, and pins complete the collection.

System Of Arrangement

This collection contains 2 series: Professional papers; Publications.

Access Points

Ships and Vessels , Labor and Yard Workers

Administrative Information

Related Lots: 2019.001

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